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1. ONE-DAY SEMINAR ENTITLED "PROSPECTS FOR CYPRUS",
SPONSORED BY U.S. BASED GREEK WORLD MAGAZINE, WAS
HELD IN NICOSIA JULY 31. PARTICIPANTS, WHO HAD CON-
DUCTED SEMINAR ON GREEK-U.S. RELATIONS IN ATHENS
PREVIOUS WEEK (PARA 6 REFTTEL), WERE MOSTLY AMERICAN
ACADEMICS OF GREEK ANCESTRY. IN OPENING SPEECH,
PROF. VAN COUFOUDAKIS OF INDIANA U. DELIVERED RELATIVELY
BALANCED ANALYSIS OF ROLE OF LOBBIES IN U.S. POLITICS
AND CONCLUDED BY CAUTIONING GREEK AND GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS
AGAINST DESPAIR OR RASH ACTION IN CASE OF LIFTING OF ARMS
EMBARGO ON TURKEY, WHICH WAS BOUND TO COME SOONER OR
LATER. GOC MINISTER TO PRESIDENT GEORGE IOANNIDES, IN
WELCOMING SPEECH, SET OUT GOC POSITIONS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM
AND EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO LIFTING EMBARGO BUT DID
NOT ATTACK U.S.

2. OPENING SESSION WAS FREE OF POLEMICS AND ANTI-
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AMERICAN STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN
WORKSHOP SESSIONS SOME HARSHER VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED
WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR EDITORIAL IN COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER
HARAVGHI AUG 1 TO EFFECT THAT CONCLUSION OF SEMINAR
WAS THAT TARGET OF U.S. POLICY ON CYPRUS WAS REMOVAL
OF MAKARIOS FROM LEADERSHIP AND PARTITION OF CYPRUS.
(AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, SOME OF PARTICIPANTS IN

SEMINAR WORKSHOPS MIGHT HAVE MADE SUCH CHARGES, BUT NO SUCH CONCLUSION WAS REACHED AS CONSENSUS.)

3. EMBASSY HAD MODERATE AMOUNT OF CONTACT WITH PARTICIPANTS IN SEMINAR THROUGH ATTENDANCE BY EMBOFF AT OPENING SPEECHES, INFORMAL CALLS ON AMBASSADOR BY SOME OF PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING PROF. JAMES BRADEMAS, BROTHER OF THE CONGRESSMAN, AND ATTENDANCE BY AMBASSADOR AT GOC-SPONSORED RECEPTION AT CONCLUSION OF SEMINAR. OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT MOST OF PARTICIPANTS, WHILE THEY WOULD HAVE GREATLY PREFERRED TO MAINTAIN EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY, ARE NOW PREPARED TO PUT THAT FIGHT BEHIND THEM AND LOOK TO BROADER ASPECTS OF U.S.-CYPRUS RELATIONS AS A MEANS OF CONTRIBUTING TO A SOLUTION OF CYPRUS PROBLEM. STONE

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